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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(For new Non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent application of inventor(s): **Mark Smolenski, Michael G. Comerford, Larry N. Will, and Gary A. Brycki** and entitled: **CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR TELESCOPINGLY ENGAGED ELEMENTS AND METHOD OF MAINTAINING THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER USING THE SYSTEM**. For purposes of publication, this patent application is assigned to: **Echo Incorporated**.

**Application Elements:**

1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
2. ☒ Specification containing 42 pages.
3. ☒ Drawings: 14 Sheets of ☒ formal drawings ☐ informal drawings
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☒ An executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney,
  - b. ☐ An unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
  - c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 17 completed.
    - i. ☐ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76.)
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix).
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary).
  - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies.

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
15. ☐ Request and Certification For Nonpublication Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
16. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
17. ☐ **If Continuing Application**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:  
☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
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**For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL Applications only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4c, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Small Entity						Large Entity	
For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$375.00	OR	\$750.00
Total Claims	25	- 20 =	5	x \$9.00	\$45.00	OR	x \$18.00 \$
Indep. Claims	2	- 3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$	OR	x \$84.00 \$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$140.00	\$	OR	+ \$280.00 \$
				TOTAL	\$420.00	OR	TOTAL \$

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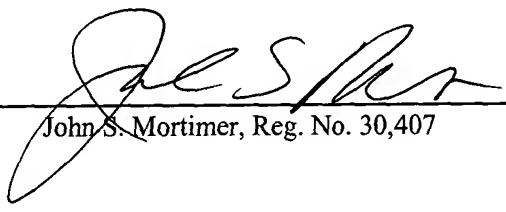
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